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Docket No. 15621.2

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
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	Byron G. Merrell et al.	)
		) Art Unit
Serial No.	10/767,871	) 1764
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Filing Date:	January 29, 2004	)
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Confirmation No.:	4119	)
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For:	RETORT HEATING APPARATUS AND METHODS OF USE	)
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Examiner:	Alexis A. Wachtel	)

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSECommissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.12/08/2005 TL0111 00000022 10767871  
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